

Application No. 10/604,428
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REMARKS

Applicant submits these remarks in response to the Office Action mailed on December 17, 2004. The applicant would like to thank the examiner for her time in conducting the interview of January 27, 2005. The substance of the interview has been previously made of record in the interview summary filed on that same date by applicant.

In the Final Office Action the Office maintained its rejection of the pending claims 1-3, 5-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,457,838 to Dugmore et al. Applicant respectfully maintains his traversal of the rejection, but has cancelled claims 1-3, and 5-8 without prejudice, and submits herewith a new set of claims 9-15.

New claims 9-15 are based upon cancelled claims 1-3 and 5-8, and more clearly distinguish the applicant's invention from what is disclosed by Dugmore et. al. In particular, the new claims all require that the hanging member be capable of rotating about a rotation axis between a recessed position and a hanging position. In the recessed position both ends of the hanging member are located within the recess. At the hanging position the first end is located within the recess and makes contact with the recess floor, while the second end extends out of the recess so that an item may be hung on it.

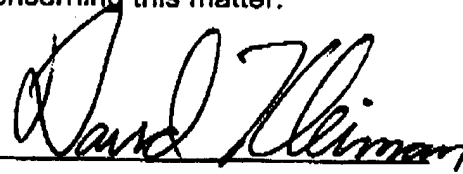
Dugmore does not disclose an apparatus with a "recessed position" where both ends of a hanging member are located within a recess. Nor does Dugmore disclose an apparatus with a "hanging position" where one end of a hanging member extends out of a recess, while the other end is in contact with a recess floor.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the present application as amended is in condition for allowance, and Applicant requests that the Office promptly issue a notice of allowability. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicant with any questions or comments concerning this matter.

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